

TUESDAY AFTERNOON, JUNE 17.

For telegraphic reports and correspondence, see third page.

TO THE PUBLIC.—From the 1st day of July, 1861, the postage on the *Daily American Telegraph*, Washington city, D. C., will be, per quarter in advance, as follows: Fifty cents for one copy; one dollar for two copies; and three dollars for three copies. Any person wishing to be served for three months after the above date need only pay his quarter's postage, and send us a gold dollar and a silver quarter in a small letter—postage paid, of course, or five dollars for a year. The *Telegraph* is independent in politics, polite, moral, agreeable, and familiar, prompt in furnishing the news, and a terror to all evil doers.

Editors of weekly and other papers desirous to exchange with us can pay the difference in the price of subscription by giving a few insertions to the above notice.

[WASHINGTON, May 27, 1861.]

THE PUBLIC WORK.—A petition is to-day in circulation for the signatures of our fellow-citizens, to which we subscribe with pleasure, and invoke its recommendations the calm and earnest attention of our most estimable President.

By the measure proposed the best of workmanship may be secured, and the expense need not be materially, if at all, increased. But even should it prove greater, the payment of a just recompense directly to the laborer accords more strictly with the principles of justice than the augmentation of profits in the hands of contractors, or the liability of the Government to after-payments, to men whose calculation proves inferior to their cupidity.

To his Excellency MILLARD FILLMORE, President of the United States.

SIR: The time being at hand when it is understood your Excellency will determine the plan and mode of improving the Capitol, under the late act of Congress, we are induced to make a short statement concerning it. We do not doubt your determination to do your duty to the public, whose organ you are, and we have equal confidence in your desire to benefit your fellow-citizens who labor for their support, so far as is consistent therewith. We therefore respectfully make what we think is a fair statement of facts, and leave to your Excellency to decide upon the proposition it contains.

There are two modes of executing whatever plan may be adopted. One is by the contract system, such as that under which the Smithsonian Institution building and the wings of the Patent Office have been undertaken; another is by what is called day-work, in which, under a superintendent selected for the purpose, workmen are employed and paid by the day, and do the work under his supervision. We are of opinion that the latter mode is not only fairest to the laborer generally, but most advantageous to the Government. It is certain that contractors expect to make handsome profits, and most generally succeed; and where they fail, or profess to have failed, Congress is sure to be called on to make good alleged losses, and almost always grant relief in such cases. On the other hand, the laborer receives nothing which he does not earn, and the Government pays for nothing it does not actually receive; it is therefore, on that account, most fair and advantageous.

But we suppose, from experience, that it will be seen such work is always better finished than contract work. For proof of that opinion we can only refer to the various buildings done under the two systems in this city.

We, the citizens of the District of Columbia, therefore respectfully solicit your Excellency to adopt the latter mode, unless your power is restrained by legislative provisions.

All persons having copies of the above petition, with names appended, are requested to return them to the office of the *Daily American Telegraph*, at or before noon on Thursday.

A FRACAS.—In the National Hotel, yesterday, Mr. Fuller, late proprietor of the United States Hotel, and Captain Schambourg, late of the U. S. Army, met, and after some words relating to some pecuniary matters between them, Mr. Fuller struck Capt. S. and "doubled him up." We believe the affair ended here.

The proprietor and managers of the National Hotel are most estimable gentlemen, of whom we have nothing unkind or disrespectful to say; but we have a remark that must come forth. There are a number of hotels in this city that are not called "first class," and yet that are never disturbed by fights; while in the first class such things are frequent. Why is this? Is it because gentlemen visit the latter? We do not wish to inquire into the private affairs and griefs of any one, but are sure that business accounts are seldom clearer or straighter after a gentleman's nose has been broken or his eye blacked, than before; and where injustice and wrong have been committed, if there be no other tribunal, the public will render a righteous verdict. This thing of rapping a gentleman on the mazard is so apt to lead to cutting and shooting, and sets such a bad example to plainer men and to youth! If we know any of our patrons to be guilty of it, we shall cut them off our list at once, (they always quit us indignantly for exposing them!) and we think none of the National should do so too—he should make Gregory turn out every guest that gets into a "muss" on his premises.

There was a little fight between a little white boy and a little yellow boy, in front of our office a few days ago, in which the Caucasian drew forth a pretty clever specimen of a stabbing knife, and was about to use it in good earnest when observed by some of our neighbors. Had he slaughtered the Ethiopian, whose would have been the responsibility? Some honorable gentleman surely, whom he was ambitious to imitate! When will gentlemen learn to be gentlemen?

GREEN was not hung at Elliott's Mills on Friday last. Thousands of persons had congregated from a distance to witness his execution; but at ten o'clock, just as the sheriff was about to proceed from the jail with the prisoner, a despatch was received from Gov. Lowe, then in Frederick, granting a respite of two weeks. The execution, consequently, did not take place, it is stated, "much to the disappointment of those who had assembled on the spot." Yet it is said that there is "a strong feeling in the community in favor of a commutation of his sentence for the longest term of imprisonment by law for the offense committed by him." How strange this is! We should not wonder at some innocent victim being hung at such a gathering to satisfy curiosity. It was "much to the disappointment of those who had assembled," although "there is a strong feeling in the community in favor of a commutation of his sentence!"

The receipts of the great Industrial Exhibition at London exceed the whole amount of expenses by about \$120,000.

APPOINTMENTS BY THE PRESIDENT.

THOMAS W. G. ALLEN, Surveyor of the Customs, Suffolk, Virginia, vice Benjamin Reddick, resigned.

NICHOLAS J. KEEFE, of New Jersey, to be Consul of the United States for the port of Lagayra, in the Republic of Venezuela, in place of Louis Baker, removed.

TIMOTHY DARLING, to be Consul of the United States for the port of Nassau, New Providence, in place of Julius C. Kretschmar, removed.

PHILADELPHIA.—They had a nice abolition meeting in Franklin Hall on Sunday afternoon, to review the course of the Press and some of the people of that city, "in regard to George Thompson, M. P.," whom they would not let speak. The meeting was opened with prayer, but closed with an approximation to a row. C. C. Burleigh, R. Plumley, Lucetta Mott, Mr. Elder, John Campbell, (of the other side!) Geo. Mundy, (a monomaniac), a Miss Grew and a Mr. Grew, were the speakers. The whole affair was gassy, and ended in smoke. Out of seven days in the week, how odd that this should have happened on the Sabbath!

The award of the Geographical Society of Paris to Lieut. W. F. Lynch, commander of the U. S. Expedition to the Red Sea, was a diploma and medal.

No class of men have risen to usefulness and honor faster, of late years, than have the officers of the American navy. Their ships will ere long be propelled by steam, and in times of peace made to subserve useful purposes. The influence of our officers will then be everywhere felt, and the arts of peace will prosper by their aid; and by-and-by all national wars will be fought in an international Congress, where, alone, right shall be might. It is the cheapest as well as the most pleasant mode of fighting.

SABBATH SCHOOL UNION.—The adjourned meeting of the Sabbath School Union was held last evening in Tenth street Baptist church, Wm. G. Force, esq., presiding. The opening hymn by the schools was followed with prayer by Rev. S. P. Hill. In addition to the usual devotional exercises, appropriate addresses were delivered by Messrs. R. Ricketts, Z. Richards, Rev. Mr. Cushman, and Rev. S. P. Hill.

The proceedings were with great propriety brought to a close before a late hour had arrived, with a benediction.

The next regular meeting will be held at the Ninth street M. P. church.

CRIMINAL COURT.—In the case of the United States vs. Ezekiel Young, jr., charged with refusing to aid officer Stoddard in the discharge of his duty in apprehending a man named Lightfoot, a verdict of not guilty was to-day rendered. Morgan for the defense.

The case of the United States vs. John Meyer, alias Jack Meyer, upon a charge of forging a power of attorney to obtain money from the United States, was also called up and the jury sworn; and it is in course of trial as our paper is going to press. Ratcliffe for the defense.

We were mistaken in speaking of General John D. Freeman as the "Whig" candidate for Congress in Mississippi. He always belonged to the other party, and is now the "Union" or anti-secession candidate. There is no Whig or Democratic organization either in that State or in Georgia, in view of the present crisis.

PROGRESS.—A gentleman who has lived all his life where the streets are paved, but who has just removed a square or two beyond the last curbstone, called upon us yesterday to make the request that we would devote a larger portion of the space in our columns to the agricultural interests. We shall not commence until after a visit to the rural districts of this beautiful valley.

MR. WEBSTER AS AN ANGLER.—A correspondent of the Boston *Be*, writing from this city, gives us the following bit of piscatorial gossip: "A friend who passed 'the falls' on the Potomac at an early hour yesterday morning saw Mr. Webster, intently engaged in fishing, and looking far heartier than Horace Mann ever appeared. Mr. Lannan, the artist and writer, is often Mr. Webster's companion in these piscatorial rambles, which commence at sunrise, and terminate before the cabinet meetings at nine o'clock. How many of the 'Vigilance Committee' could thus devote the early part of the day to a fatiguing sport, and then pass hours in conducting the diplomatic and home policy of our Republic?"

We are further informed that the bass or rock fishing, with rod and reel, has seldom been as good at the Little Falls as within the last two weeks; and while Mr. Webster has frequently taken fish weighing as much as ten pounds, his angling Secretary, Mr. Lannan, has taken as many as twenty in a single morning. We understand that they are in the habit of doing all their angling while other people are generally asleep, or, at any rate, before the ordinary breakfast hour.

PETTY THIEVING.—This practice is of late a great annoyance in Washington. No one's kitchen, pantry, or stable is safe. This morning, as Mr. John H. Tucker, who resides on the Island, was passing through the market, he saw for sale a lot of chickens he had seen safe in his own enclosure last evening. On making inquiry he found out the thieves, and William Better and Frank Bell, two able youths, will probably go to the Penitentiary.

A HOAX.—Some two years since it was published in St. Thomas papers, and extensively copied, that Capt. Paulson, of the Danish brig Triton, while on his way from St. Croix to London, discovered an island previously unknown, situated in lat. 33.19 N., long. 42.89 W. Capt. Warren C. Curren, of the American brig Thomas Trowbridge, informs us that he has twice sought in the place described for the island, but none was to be seen. He further states that lately, while in conversation with a gentleman, long a resident in St. Croix, the gentleman informed him that the alleged discovery of the island was an April hoax, perpetrated by Captain Paulson in a letter written by him to a friend in St. Croix, and by the latter published in the St. Thomas papers. As the supposed island has been laid down in the chart, this explanation from Capt. Curren will prevent further deception.

We do not know how it is with other people, but for ourselves, we seldom get over a feeling of contempt for a man who will tell a lie and wish to have it called a hoax. Practical jokers have long since been voted vulgar clowns, and a helping falsehood can only be a falsehood, by whatever name it may be called.

EARLY PEARS.—Mr. George Oyster, residing near this city, has presented to us some very sweet and well-flavored sugar-pears of early maturing. We have seen none others ripe this season, and presume he has the earliest variety of this exquisite fruit.

PENNSYLVANIA.—The elections in prospect excite the minds of the people intensely. Bigger is going to run well as the Democratic candidate for Governor. Bigger clubs are being formed, and every preparation is in progress for a grand round.

THE NEW PAINT.—In reference to the advertisement of the Messrs. Finch, we would remark that all we know respecting their paint is what we have read; but that if it shall be found to accord with the descriptions given, it will prove a discovery of rare value, and worthy universal attention.

PIC-NIC.—Let it be remembered that the Island Friendship Club will have its picnic at Arlington to-morrow. Unite with it, and enjoy a quiet, peaceful day.

JENNY LIND.—The New York *Mirror* says of this great vocalist, that she retains her house in Brooklyn until September, and, perhaps, two or three months longer; and that after her concerts in Boston she will visit the Falls, and make concert-giving a matter of pleasure more than of labor.

It has been stated with confidence and apparent authority, in Baltimore papers, that she would give concerts there in July. We must have her here again, if by a writ of *habeas corpus*.

The Maysville *Post Boy* got treated to turtle-soup the other day. There is some use in being an editor in Kentucky. Here, do what we may, they never treat us, but haul us over the coals whenever we say any thing saucy—which we never do.

The Hon. A. H. STEVENS, of Georgia, has been dangerously ill of chronic diarrhoea, but is convalescing.

SENATOR DAWSON, of Georgia, has had his leg broken by the fall of a fence-rail.

The Judges of the Courts of Pennsylvania are to be elected by the people in the autumn. That is the kind of judges we would be tried by.

"The St. Louis *Intelligencer* has passed into the hands of Mr. George K. Budd as proprietor, and Mr. J. B. Crockett as editor." We think this J. B. is a lawyer of that city, and son of David.

JULIUS JANIN writes from England of the loyalty of the English; that each Englishman worships himself in the person of his Queen.

The medium is purer than the shrine. England has a good little queen—a woman whose name is in every respect above reproach, who faithfully performs every duty in life, and is an honor to her country and her sex; who, in moral attributes, is as far above the aristocracy surrounding her as she is in political and social distinction.

In the suit brought in France by the heirs of M. Dupont against M. Chavot, who killed their father in a duel, the civil tribunal at Périgueux has condemned the defendant to pay \$6,000 damages.

This is just. A murderer should be made, so far as possible, to minister to the wants of those he has deprived of a relative and protector. Let him live as long as God will let him live; but make his life useful. "The worst use you can put a man to is to hang him."

JUSTICE IS SURE, THOUGH OFTEN TARDY.—The New York *Sun* of yesterday contains the following:

"*Acquittal of Ezra Collier.*—The trial of Mr. Ezra Collier, late cashier of the defunct Havre-de-Grace bank, of Maryland, upon charges of embezzlement, took place at Elkton, Maryland, last week, resulting in his entire acquittal. It would appear from the evidence that he has been the victim of a most shameful conspiracy, on the part of individuals who sought to make him the scape-goat of their own misdeeds. After suffering nearly a year's imprisonment, awaiting a trial, he has finally been declared innocent, solely upon the testimony of the very men upon whose evidence before the Grand Jury the charges were founded. Not a single witness was called for the defense, as nearly every witness for the prosecution proved innocent. Most of the bank at the time it exploded, and the mode in which the funds were spirited away was by heavy deposits of the bills of the concern into the hands of individuals who afterwards failed; these bills had been placed in their hands for circulation, and their failure to remit other currency in exchange caused the explosion.

Mr. Collier is over fifty years of age. He formerly resided in this city, where he has been widely known for many years as a high-minded, upright man, whose probity is far above suspicion. He is the father of a very interesting family—three sons and two daughters. One of the former is a member of the Maryland bar, another is a student of divinity at New Brunswick college, and the third is now finishing collegiate studies here. To his family, and to a very wide circle of friends, Mr. Collier's triumphant acquittal will indeed be a satisfaction; though they well knew that it was impossible for him to have knowingly committed a crime. We learn that Collier intends instituting suits for heavy damages against his prosecutors.

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M. MARIE, son of the member of the Provisional Government, who was formerly attached to the French legation at Washington, has abandoned the diplomatic career, and received the appointment of Procureur (attorney general) of the Republic at Guadeloupe.

SIR E. BULWER LYTTON has consented to run as the Protectionist candidate for Parliament for Hertfordshire, and will be returned without opposition. This is stated to be the fruit of his recent political pamphlet.

We have several friends who have written great large books with less effect.

HENRY BOX BROWN, who escaped from slavery to Philadelphia in a box, is exhibiting throughout England a panorama of slavery. He has the identical box with him, and was lately packed in it, and went from Bradford to Leeds. After their arrival at Leeds, the box, still containing Brown, was placed in a coach, and, preceded by a band of music and banners representing the stars and stripes of America, paraded through the principal streets of the town. After he had been confined in the box for two hours and three-quarters, he was taken out in presence of spectators.

From a list in the Boston *Advertiser*, of thirteen railroads and their branches, in Massachusetts, with 238 miles of double track, 874 of single, costing in the whole \$3,810,689, it appears that more than half the companies paid dividends in 1860, from the net profits of the year, eight per cent.; and the average dividend on the whole exceeded seven per cent., each having retained a greater or less reserve.

The *Sunday Atlas* has a bottle of water from the "torrent of eloquence," another from "the fountain of Love," and a third from "the stream of Time." The *Bee* has a small bottle of water from "the flood of evidence," another from "the wave of a handkerchief," and a third from "the depths of thought." Also, dates from the palm of the hand.

A LOVE CHARM.—The Marquis de Neale became deeply enamored of Mademoiselle de la Force, after having received from her a small bag to wear about his neck as a remedy against the vapors. He would have married her, but his relations opposed it on the score of her poverty. The great Conde, the Marquis de Neale's nearest relation, took him to Chantilly, that he might forget his love for Mademoiselle de la Force; and all the relations of the Marquis, when they were assembled, for the purpose of declaring against the match. He, on his part, married any other person. In a moment of despair he rushed out into the garden, and would have thrown himself into the canal, but the string with which Mademoiselle de la Force had tied the bag about his neck broke, and the bag fell at his feet. His thoughts, at that moment, appeared to undergo a sudden change, and Mademoiselle seemed to him to be as ugly as she really was. On being told what had happened, they searched about for the bag, and on opening it found it to contain two toad's feet, holding a heart wrapped in a bat's wing, and round the whole a paper inscribed with unintelligible cyphers. Monsieur le Marquis de la Neale was effectually cured.

We find the above in a newspaper that does not tell where it originated, and do not believe a word of it. The reader can form his judgment upon it.

The mileage of the Oregon and California members of Congress is somewhat a curiosity:

Mileage of Mr. Wright, 7,013 miles, \$9,042
" Mr. Gilbert, 6,553 " 8,464
" Mr. Thurston, 4,315 " 5,152

SUICIDE.—A colored woman, named Charity Chase, sixty years of age, committed suicide on Sunday, by hanging herself, near Columbia, Pennsylvania.

Poor thing! why did she put herself to that trouble, when she was so soon to die a natural death?

MARRIED. In Rockville, Maryland, on the 27th May, by the Rev. BASIL BARRY, Major MATTHEW MARKLAND, of this city, (formerly of Kentucky), to Miss CAROLINE S. HALL, daughter of the late Dr. K. J. HALL, of Baltimore county.

DIED. At Madison, Conn., on Monday evening, the 9th instant, EMILY JOSEPHINE HARRIS, youngest daughter of the late JOSEPH W. HARRIS, of this city, aged 11 years.

In this city, on Sunday, June 15th, at his father's residence, on 6th street, FRANCIS ELIZABETH KENNY McDOWELL, third daughter of Gov. JAMES McDOWELL, Representative in Congress from Virginia.

On the 16th instant, in the year of his age, WILLIAM, an interesting son of WILLIAM and CATHERINE BOGAM.

On Monday, 16th instant, JESSIE WILLIAM, infant son of ELIAS and RACHEL VICKER, aged 9 months.

NOTHING FOR NOTHING.—Advertisements of every description must be paid for in this paper; but church notices and announcements of marriages and deaths are charged only half price, viz: twelve and a half cents for six lines or less.

"The Union Literary Society" will hold its next meeting at the Medical College, corner of Twelfth & F streets, at eight o'clock this (Tuesday) evening. The exercises will consist of an Essay and further debate on main question, viz: "Should all punishment be reformatory?" The public are invited to attend.

Massacre.—A special communication of Federal Lodge No. 1 will be held at Masonic Hall this (Tuesday) evening, at 7 o'clock. Punctual attendance is requested, as work is to be done. All brethren in good standing are cordially invited.

The Rev. Dr. D. X. Junkin, D.D. will be installed Assistant Pastor of the F street Presbyterian Church this evening, at quarter before 8 o'clock. Sermon, by the Rev. Dr. Smith.

NOTICE, Walker Sharpshooters!—The members of this Order are hereby notified that a meeting will be held on to-morrow (Wednesday) evening, the 15th instant. As there is business of importance before the Company, the punctual attendance of every member is requested. There will be a dress-drill on Monday evening, 23d instant, at 7 o'clock.

BARGAINS.—The subscriber has received 20 pieces of Bargain, very pretty patterns, which he is selling for 25 cents per yard.

FISHING Tackle just received.—Rods—Patent Slings, Chums, &c. Hooks—Limerick, Kirby, Fort, &c. &c. A. GRAY, Bookkeeper.

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TO FLORISTS AND GARDENERS. New and well-built Greenhouse, 30 by 15 feet, with side and front sash, staging, &c., will be sold for less than half its value, if applied for, as the owner is compelled to leave the country. It is situated on the west side of 10th street, north of H street.

ARRIVALS AT THE PRINCIPAL HOTELS. To 12 o'clock, m., to-day.

United States—Jno M Hall, Philadelphia; Chas E Norman, Virginia; J B Chandler, Md; Dr. Neeson, Columbia county, Ga.

AUCTION SALES.

By A. GREEN, Auctioneer.

VALUABLE Building Lots at Auction. By virtue of a decree of the Circuit Court of the District of Columbia, for Washington county, put in chancery, and made in a cause wherein Thomas E. Brannan and others are complainants, and William F. Brannan and others are defendants, I shall proceed to sell at the premises, on Thursday, the 17th day of July next, at 5 o'clock, p. m., all that portion of ground lying and being in the city of Washington, and known as lot No. 5, (5), in square No. three hundred and seventy-four, (374), on which is a small frame building.

On Friday, the 18th day of July next, I shall proceed to sell on the premises, under the same decree, at 5 o'clock p. m., lots numbered seven, (7), eight, (8), nine, (9), ten, (10), and eleven, (11), according to the recorded subdivision of square numbered two hundred and thirty-four, (234), in square No. three hundred and seventy-four, (374), on which is a small frame building.

By A. GREEN, Auctioneer. On Friday, the 27th instant, I shall sell, on the premises, at 5 o'clock p. m., being duly authorized by a deed of trust recorded in Liber W. B. No. 113, folios 134, 135, and 136, on the land record for Washington county, a two-story frame house and lot, situated in square 307, lot No. 52, (52), on 9th street between N and O streets, fronting on 9th street 36 feet 8 inches, running back 138 feet 9 inches to a 36-foot alley. Title to be made good or no sale. Belonging to the estate of the late Sarah Brown, deceased.

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